

Supporting Our Programs and Staying Connected

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

We are now in the 4th month of our fiscal year, and I encourage every Auxiliary to focus on supporting our programs, planning financially, and staying connected with the Department. Through thoughtful planning and generous contributions, we can continue making a difference for our Oregon veterans, their families, and our communities.

Support Our Programs Through Donations

Donations from our Oregon Auxiliaries support VFW Auxiliary programs that serve veterans, active-duty military personnel, and their families. Every contribution makes a difference. I encourage each Auxiliary to prioritize program donations and send funds to the Department Treasurer early so Chairmen can plan and achieve their program goals with the resources they need.

Establish Standing Rules Early

One of the best ways to plan for a successful year is to establish or review your **Standing Rules at the beginning of the fiscal year**. Standing Rules can help ensure funds are set aside for program donations and activities. Planning allows Auxiliaries to budget responsibly and support programs throughout the year rather than waiting until the last minute.

If your Auxiliary needs sample Standing Rules or assistance with getting started, **please reach out to your Department Line Officers**. We are happy to provide guidance and examples.

Stay Connected Through Our Department Website

Our Department website is a valuable resource for staying informed and involved. I encourage all members to visit regularly to:

- Read articles from VFWA Department Chairmen and Line Officers.
- Stay informed about upcoming events and announcements.
- Learn about the National President's Visit, Mid-Winter Conference, and Department Convention.
- Discover other Auxiliary events and opportunities to connect with fellow members.

Visit the Department of Oregon VFW Auxiliary website: vfwauxor.org

Working Together for a Successful Year

Thank you for your continued dedication, generosity, and commitment to our mission. By supporting our programs, planning ahead, and staying connected, we can strengthen our Auxiliaries and make a meaningful difference throughout Oregon.

Tracy Bogard - Department of Oregon VFW Auxiliary Junior Vice President